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1. Conversion of May Tank Cars

a. Conversion work on MAV tank cars was carried out during December 1953 in the main shop of Landler Jenő Transport Repair Works Enterprise, Budapest. Heating pipes were installed in the cars, so that quick-congealing oils could be transported more easily during the winter months.

b. 20 cars were planned to be converted by the middle of January 1954. Had these been proved satisfactory when used, about 1,000 cars were planned to be converted by the end of April 1954.

c. the cars are being converted for purposes other than the transporting of quick-congealing oils. The reasons are as follows:

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(1) The work has been designated as "urgent."

(2) The material for the conversion work had already been put at the disposal of the workshops, although there is a serious shortage of materials, and the first twenty cars have not been fully tested.

(3) February is the last cold month of the year in Hungary.

(4) At the present rate of progress only one third of the 1,000 cars will have been converted by the end of March 1954.

2. New Signaling Systems.

a. The new signaling system under construction on the Hegyeshalom-Kelenföld line has only been completed and put into service as far as Bányhida.

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Work is still in progress between Tata and Almasfuzit⁸, although all work as far as Komárom is scheduled to be completed by the summer of 1954.

- b. A new signaling system, similar to that mentioned above, is under construction on the Budapest - Cegléd - Szolnok line. Work has been completed between Kőbánya and Monor by the end of December 1953. Cables had also been laid as far as Cegléd. In addition, insulation belts of Hungarian manufacture, for the rails, were used for the first time in this system. All previous insulating belts had been imported [redacted]

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3. Enlargement of Lakitelek Station

The Lakitelek station is being enlarged. [redacted]

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4. Collaboration between Satellite Railroad Workers

- a. Rumanian-Hungarian and Czech-Hungarian railroad workers' conferences are being held by employees from the following stretches:

- a. Plesivec - Miskolc
- b. Oradea Mare - Biharkeresztes - Debrecen
- c. Érmihályfalva - Nyirábrány
- d. Curtici - Arad - Lőkősháza - Bekéscsaba

- b. The object of these conferences is to improve collaboration among the railroad systems. At the instigation of the Russians, the system of "Socialistic Competition" has also been introduced.

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